

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

September is moving along now with October just around the corner. That means a few new things will be going on very soon for church related things. The weather has been so nice in the last few days...we are all enjoying that. I see lots of pictures of football games and all kinds of fall activities, so everyone is into that. I do see some of the trees are starting to change...so it's coming. You all know how much I do love the fall and so my excitement grows each day as well. Hopefully we can continue to get these warm days for a bit longer and get some of the wet ground dried up in the area. Those farmers need a chance to get their work done. It has been an interesting season to say the least. I hope fall will be nice to us.

I want to take time this week to thank everyone for the nice cards and words you have shared with me over the past few days. It has been very humbling. I am a little awkward with compliments as you may notice. Partly because I deeply realize much of my success isn't really about me at all. This is God's work! My ministry journey here is also very related to how great you have been as well. However, I still do so much appreciate the kindness you have shown. It has been a good stay and some wonderful memories. My history and yours has been connected in a wonderful faith journey that has led us all into all kinds of new experiences. Some have brought us sadness, and some have brought us great joy! We have been through it all haven't we? I don't know what is ahead, but I have plans to keep moving us onward. There are still some things I want us to work on and still things I would like to see happen here. God is not done with you Community!

Let's all pray ahead and see what He has in mind. Thanks again for these last 20 plus years. I'll do my best to stay focused...I know you will be doing the same. Truly I say...to God be the glory!

A word about MidWeek! Ok...it's just around the corner. This all begins next Wednesday night. Now, if you are new to Community, MidWeek is a great way to connect to the life of this church on a whole different level. It is a time to share a meal together as families and visit with new friends. You get to know people on deeper level and get a much better sense of truly who we are around here. For those who know all about MidWeek, I am asking that you consider helping us out with the kids. We need lots of MidWeek teachers. Now remember, you don't teach every week. You do one lesson and you are done. If you want to sign up to do more, you can, but you can also just teach one week. Heather is getting a little nervous. I know you have a lot going on, but I know you want this to keep going. We really do need your help! We start next week. Here we go! Good food, great people, awesome classes, and meaningful fellowship! MidWeek Community Style! It has a good ring to it!

Sunday, we keep moving on the Old Testament stories that reveal Jesus. This week our focus will be the last story in the book of Genesis. Our story is Joseph. It is a great story to just read through. It is filled with all kinds of twists and turns, but the ending is such a revelation of grace and mercy. Is there a Jesus component there? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sept 29: 9:00am—

Mike & Angie Boyenga
Kim Knochenmus
Jordan Lipp

11:00am-

Leslie Cleveringa
OPEN

Oct 6: 9:00am—

LaDonna Freiburg
Keith, Laura, Emma Maloney

11:00am-

Mary Burggraaf
Allie Underberg
Randi VanDerSloot

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Sept 29:

9:00am— Daryl & Char DuBois
11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

Oct 6:

9:00am— Bob & Lori Hein
11:00am— Mike & Angie Hageman

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Sept 29: Steve & Becky Lee

Oct 6: Denny & Sue Brunsting

Oct. 13: Dick & Jeanette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

Sept 29

9:00am—

Jean Nollmann
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Nic & LaDonna Freiburg

11:00am—

Jean Nollmann
Bert Roetman

Oct 6

9:00am—

Monte & Marlene Van Meetern
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Chad & Diane McKee

11:00am—

Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mark & Pat Koll



SMALL GROUP DRAW

WED. SEPT 25

7:00PM

Community is launching small groups this fall! "The Draw" is where we will literally draw names to put people into small groups for the new small group ministry. Even if you didn't come to the initial info meetings, you can still come and get in on small groups. Childcare provided.

MIDWEEK LAUNCH

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

First Night of Midweek

6:00pm- Supper

6:45pm- K-8th grade classes

7:00pm- Classes for adults

7:30pm- High School Youth Group

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

4:00PM-5:30PM

Practice runs from Oct-1st week in December. Christmas Choir concert: Sunday, Dec. 8th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 25

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group
7:00pm- Small Group Draw

Saturday, Sept. 28

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Sept. 29

10:10am- Sunday School

Tuesday, Oct. 1

7:00pm- AA

Wednesday, Oct 2

6:00pm- Midweek meal
6:45pm- K-8th grade classes
7:00pm- Classes for adults
7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept 22, 2019

General:..... \$10,912
Vision: \$1,275
Missions: \$360

General YTD: \$569,520
Vision YTD: \$140,136
Vision Account Balance: \$95,305

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. They will be discussing *The Long-shining Waters* by Long.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera. They will be discussing *Those Waves These Are* by Dykes.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

THE GIVE

THE GIVE wall in the lobby is a place to donate to local ministries.

Union Gospel Mission- regular coffee

Operation Christmas Child- School supplies

LSS of SD- Board Games or Legos

Community Youth Group- old cell phones

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will join the event on **October 21 at noon** for a salad luncheon. (See below info about ALL WOMEN LUNCHEON.) **Please sign up at the Link.**

JOY CIRCLE

Monday, Oct. 7- Word for study-self control

Monday, Oct. 21- Church in the street with Rebel Hurd (Details Below)

ALL WOMEN **(NEW)**

Please join us on Monday, Oct. 21 for a salad luncheon and Rebel Hurd, director of Church on the Street. This is a dynamic ministry and you will not want to miss!

12:00pm- Salad Luncheon

1:00pm- Rebel Hurd

Please sign up at The Link. If you are attending the luncheon and can bring a salad, your help would be appreciated. Please note item behind your name. If you cannot bring an item, PLEASE still com. We will be blessed with your presence. Need more info. ?s call Elaine 351-4202

HOPE CIRCLE

will meet at 7:00 pm on Oct.15. Hostess is Helen and lesson is Wilma.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Join the seniors at the E. Pizza Ranch at Noon on Monday, Oct. 14th.

Adult Discipleship/Worship



I'd like to start my article this week by thanking everyone for such a great celebration for my dad's 20 years of ministry anniversary! I know Heather and Holli worked especially hard to decorate and set up the donut holes and card table. They also set up a lovely lunch for my entire family. Thanks, girls! The hunting trip gift from the church to my dad was the best possible choice. Well done, Community! I know some of my family members receive the newsletter, and I want to thank them for making the trip over to spend the day with us! One of my aunts said it was sure nice to have everyone together for something besides a funeral! She is right on the money with that statement! It's a good reminder to take the time to celebrate good things with those we love. And lastly, thanks to everyone at Community for your kind words, not just to Dad but to my family as well. We all appreciate it! It's hard to believe that Mom and Dad began their time at Community 20 years ago. And although many things have changed since then, I know that God's faithfulness and grace are sustaining Community through every single day. I agree with my dad; I can't wait to see what God will do in the years to come!

This Wednesday at 7:00pm, we will be meeting in the sanctuary for The Draw! This is where we will literally draw names to put people into small groups for the new small group ministry.

Even if you weren't able to attend one of the informational meetings, you'll still be able to learn about this ministry at that time, and you can be included in The Draw at that time if you want to participate in this ministry. Childcare will be provided, and we should be done around 8:00.

October 2, which is our first night of Mid-Week, is fast approaching. Mid-Week is our Wednesday night ministry at Community. We always serve a meal from 6-7pm, and classes for all ages take place from 7:00ish-8:00. On the first night, we'll be hosting an informational meeting for adults which will describe all of the adult classes we'll be offering during the year. That meeting will take place at 7:00 in the sanctuary.

And lastly this week, Christmas choir will get started on Sunday, October 6 from 4:00-5:30pm. This choir is open to any high school students through adults who are interested in singing. We'll practice on Sundays to prepare of our concerts during the 9:00 and 11:00 services on December 8. We meet in the chapel for rehearsal, and you do not have to register to be a part of this. Simply come!

Have a great week!

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PRAYER REQUEST

- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurrey's dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (auto-immune disease)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Bruce Heinen** (Laura Maloney's brother-in-law) lymphoma
- **Diane Johnson** (liver disease)
- **Gary Jensen** (cancer)
- **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- **Al Hoogendoorn** (multiple health issues)
- **Dave Sells** (surgery recovery)
- **Jenna Hoogendoorn** (liver)
- Melanie Oden's dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- **Gary McCann** (spine surgery 9.6)
- **Penny & Bill Stolle**, Shanda Hay's mom and step dad (serious accident)
- **Jane Klemme** (breast cancer)
- **Jan Mellema** (surgery recovery)

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Sunday School is going strong and we have amazing teachers again this year!

We do have a couple of upcoming items that are more urgent.

Parents of 3rd graders (and older): Community believes kids need access to God's word, so we give **Bibles to each 3rd grader**. If your child is in grade 3 or older, please let us know how you'd like his or her name printed on the Bible by clicking "register" and adding the needed information by October 6, 2019. If you miss the deadline, don't worry. We can still get a Bible and add their names. It just may take a little longer. Click this link to enter the information or just email me with how you'd like the name printed on your child's Bible: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/bibles> We are giving out the Bibles during the 9AM AND 11AM services on 10/27/19 but you can get the Bible after that too.

THE FIRST DAY OF MIDWEEK IS 10/2/19. We are really short on volunteers so please grab a slot or a few slots and teach. Here's how it works:

- I gather all of the supplies and have them in the room for you.
- I email you the lesson so you can review it and pray about it before you come on Wednesday. They are pretty short lessons.
- You come to teach a group of kids from 6:45pm to 7:15pm. The kids are divided into K/1, 2/3 and 4/5 and you just teach one of those groups. Their Shepherd volunteers are in the room too so you don't have to worry about knowing what to do. Then at 7:15 you can leave for the night or even head to an adult class because the kids have other things to do with their Shepherds. Your Bible lesson might be art, music, story, service, science, etc. You can even tell me which type you prefer if you want but they are all fun!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-midweek2>



We're going to try a new schedule for Midweek for the K-5 kids.

- Eating 6-6:30 (or 6:45 if not singing)
- Singing with Liz: 6:30-6:45PM (OPTIONAL)
- Class Time 6:45-7:15
- Large Group and/or Shepherd Only Time: 7:15-7:30
- Fun Zone: 7:30-8:00 (OPTIONAL)

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October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm- AA meeting	2 Midweek Launches 6pm- BBQ 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes	3	4	5 7am- Prayer 10am- AA meeting
6 10:10am- Sunday School Baptism @ 3pm	7 9:30am- Joy Circle 7pm- Men's Bible Study	8 7pm- AA meeting	9 9am-Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN 6pm- Chicken/Taco 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes	10 7pm- Elders 8pm- Consistory	11	12 7am- Prayer 10am- AA meeting
13 10:10am- Sunday School	14 7pm- Men's Bible Study	15 7pm- AA meeting 7pm- Hope Circle	16 6pm- Soup 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes	17	18	19 7am- Prayer 10am- AA meeting
20 10:10am- Sunday School	21 Noon- Women's salad luncheon 7pm- Men's Bible Study	22 7pm- AA meeting	23 6pm- Tacos 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes	24	25	26 7am- Prayer 10am- AA meeting
27 Missions Morning 10:10am- Sunday School	28 7pm- Men's Bible Study	29 7pm- AA meeting	30 6pm- Italian Night 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes	31		

Consistory Meeting 9-12-2019

Attendees: Chad M, Nick, Jim, Mike D, Chad O, Matt M, Matt W, Rick, Tom, Gerald, Russ, Mark, Curt, Pete, Clyde, Bob, Mike H and Dustin

Jim opened the meeting with devotions. He talked about how this week's storm and how his daughter had woken him up right before the tornados hit. He was worried and scared but knew God was with him. He spoke about the song "Amidst the Storm" and how God is always with us.

- MSA of August 2019 minutes.
- MSA of the financial report for August was given by Chad M.

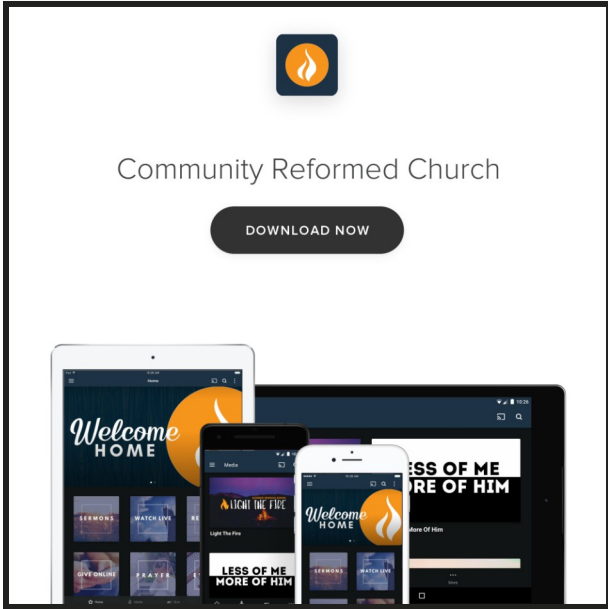
Old Business

- ◦ The street is status quo for now until they get the sewer ready to be hooked up. Bob has sent out an email with the details around the costs for this.
- Painting and building repairs have been happening this month. This is going well.
- The carpets have been cleaned and look much better.

New Business

- ◦ Heather gave reports. Midweek is starting on October 2nd. She still needs a lot of people to volunteer. She presented the calendar of major events. Doyle is to meet with parents to give them an update and answer questions.
- Liz gave reports. Grief groups- Need to see if there is a need to do more of them.
Small Groups- Liz had a meeting on 9/11 and will have another on 9/18. Liz presented a list of Ideas/ Suggestions and Group Guidelines
Midweek Adult Classes were presented.
Next Women's Retreat is scheduled for 9/21
Worship leadership is being discussed. There may be some tweaking.
Christmas Choir- Practice will be in the afternoons this year
Liz is teaching a class at USF. This is where she found youth sponsors in the past. She has found one to help Doyle.
Liz will be doing Christmas at the Cathedral again this year and with the hectic schedule she will need to take a Sunday off.
- Budget- The budgets were handed out and need to be completed by November 20th "Budget Night"
Budget Sheets need to be filled out by the next Consistory Meeting. Salary Committee will be Chad, Clyde and Matt W.
- Care Teams Questions- The questions were handed out. Care Team members will need to meet with their person and go through the questions. ◦ Be prepared to present this information at next month's Consistory meeting.
- Other- Storm talk ◦ Clyde's Brother-in-law prayer was asked for health concerns.
- Next Meeting: October, 10th
- MSA to adjourn. Clyde closed with time of prayer

DOWNLOAD OUR NEW APP



PARENT CONNECTIONS Sundays @ 10:00am in chapel



Are you looking for deeper connections to other parents at Community? Meet in the chapel at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. Our goal is to develop stronger relations with other families, with our own family, and with God.

MIDWEEK MEAL



We need your help in the kitchen this fall! Sign up sheets are in the lobby...look for balloons!

You'll serve 4 times over the course of Oct-April. It's that easy!

DOYLE'S UPDATE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Well, the final week of September is here. Is it just me or does that seem really weird? However, with the end of September comes the start of Midweek! It has been great having the church all to ourselves for high school, but I am also looking forward to the full start to Wednesdays.

Our high school group has been focusing on our identity in light of the gospel and this last week we focused on our stance of being loved. What an amazing truth to hear after being reminded of the sin in our life. That while we were fallen, disobedient sinners, God sent His son into the world to be a sacrifice on our behalf. Praise be to God for bringing hope, joy and mercy into our lives!

This past Sunday our high school group also got together for a night of life sized clue. After a round that would have taken a way to long, we ended up revising the game and it seemed to go well. If we ever go back to it during a retreat or other activity, I would have it down perfectly!

Our middle school group has their first time together this Wednesday at 7:00 as students will have a chance to meet myself, and the sponsors for the group this year. We will go through what the fall will look like and then spend the night in large group games together. I'm looking forward to finally get going with the middle school group after a few months of planning!

There will be a few things happening in October, but I'll wait for next week to get into those. If you have any questions about the youth ministry please feel free to reach out anytime!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
OCT 6

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NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.

REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am).

For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a member at Community. **Next Baptism Service: Sunday, Oct 6 @ 3pm.**

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